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we do that, happy birthday, Senator Wesely. General File, 1998 committee priority bills, LB 1158. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1158 by Senator Don Pederson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Don Pederson, you are recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, before I mention the specifics of this bill, I'd like to tell you just a little bit about the uniform laws in the United States. In 1892, the National Conference of Commissioners for Uniform Laws was established, and the purpose, obviously, for this commission was to make uniform among the states the laws so that they could be interchanged as much as possible. In 1951, Nebraska joined this commission, and by statute there are three members that are appointed by the Governor to this body, and in addition to that, our Revisor of Statutes is also an associate member of the commission. Some of the things that you may...may or may not be aware of concerning what the commission does is to look to uniformity and, particularly, I'd like to call your attention to Volume 6 of the Nebraska statutes, which is entirely one volume dealing with Uniform Commercial Code and the idea of that is to establish among the states a business relationship so that bills and notes and sales and so forth can be dealt with with more uniformity among the various states. So it's a very important thing. Also we have our Uniform Probate Code, which is one of those similar type laws. We have Uniform Partnership laws that are all attempting to conform among the various states a similarity of law. Now the reason that this particular bill is being proposed at this time has to do with the makeup of our members of the commission. Under current Nebraska law, none of the members of the commission are paid a salary or any compensation for doing their activities, and they end up once a year, at least, having about a week and a half session where they discuss these laws with commissioners from other states. The problem is that when we have three appointees, they are reimbursed for their expenses, but once they have served for a